### MAYOR ACCUSES 8 or any part of it stricken out. I regard some of it as scandalous and irrelevant." **BESIDES CURRAN**

Says Aldermen Got Money for Licenses Through "Ward Heelers."

Pleads Justification

lous" and He Will Press

derman Henry H. Curran's \$100,000 suit for libel. The Mayor not only reiterates the statements upon which he was sued but names Curran and eight other Aldermen, who, he says, were parties to newsstand grafting, either in-dividually or through persons desig-nated by the Mayor as "ward heelers." ments and denied that Curran had a good "name or fame" in the community which was injured by the Mayor's statements. The others he named are Aldermen Joseph Schloss, F. P. Kenney, Louis Wendell, Jr., A. W. Herbst, Fredex-Aldermen Volkmann and Noonan.

7,000 news and other street stands throughout the city, and that the cus- terday afternoon: terday afternoon:

DEAR MR. DAVIS: You complain to me of the stands to pay from \$500 to \$500 for the licenses. He alleges "on information and belief," that the Aldermen instead of dealing with the licenses personally did business with a go between, who generally was a "ward heeler." The Alderman delivered true license to the go between and he refused to turn it over to the applicant until a certain amount of money had been paid. There is no doubt that the Aldermen shared in the extorion terday afternoon:

DEAR MR. DAVIS: You complain to me of the clock in the Metropoitian Building. You want me to stop it. You say it strikes four times on the quarter, eight times on the half, tweive times on the hour, making forty times an hour, or 210 from 8 A. M. to 12 noon every day. I am sorry for you. But readly does the clock make as much noise as Dr. Parkhurst does? You know we all have to be with something, and I am willing to do my share of it. Sincerely yours, Aldermen shared in the exterion money, the Mayor says.

Mr. Gaynor alleges that on September 9, the date of his letter upon which suit was brought, evidence that Curran had been pursuing the system described had been piling up in the vari- clair helps to make the ringing of the ous city departments, and on that date "the defendant did not see how he as! Mayor of the city of New York could the Aldermen of the city were taking ears," said Mr. Davis, graft personally or enabling corrupt go betweens to do so."

The Mayor alleges that one of the go betweens was named Curtis, others, the summer time it's terrible to hear Benjamin Strauss, Albert J. Berwin, Charles Buckman, Abraham Wirtenberg. Dr. William Shapero, one Hal-prin, Michael King, one Bernhardt and You can't put in a call for Philadelphia one Cruise. It is alleged that the Aldermen who pursued the method described were Joseph Schloss, Kenney, Volkmann, Louis Wendell, Jr., who results of the Mayor's letter? Well, it is hard to infer things from a letter, and indeed applicable.

and required a sum for himself before part in their nice time.

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"And just what the Mayor means by brother has now given up play writing. The has gone to Italy and from afar is darting shafts at his native land."

paid to Shapero, Richter, King, Wirten. I wonder. berg, one Moskowitz; in Curran's dis trist, Volkenberg; and was demanded by Alderman Herbst. The Mayor says at 4:30 and at 4:45. The big bells tolled against drab, dirt and neurotics. In Germany, where I have just been, there were ward heelers, who could have had no possible legitimate relations with the hearing that about forty times an hour Think of twenty-sight. plaintiff as a member of the Board of Aldermen or with any other members

of the board. Against Curran individually the Mayor charges that one Fried attempted to open a stand at the southcorner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-fifth street: that Curran opened negotiations through one Mullaney, and handed a man accompanying Mullaney an application bearing his consent for was a little peace in the daytime. the stand in question, with the name of And his neighbors in the other offices the applicant left blank. Subsequently felt the same way, he said. Fried's name was filled in and the license issued to him.

The second charge against Curran i that Max Feldstein wanted to open a stand at 117 West Twenty-first street and applied to Curran for a license. The applicant was referred to one Hurley. Another case was that of Kope Schwartz, who wanted to renew a !! cense for a stand at 207 West Twenty seventh street, but instead of acting Curran directed the applicant to see one Halprin, says Mr. Gaynor.

It is alleged further that one Samue Gordon, or Abraham Weiner, applied for a stand at 34 West Twenty-fourth street but that Curran refused his consent and said that Harry Moscowitz was the only person who would get his consent. It is alleged that one of the applicants then paid Moscowitz a sum of money and got the license. After a further sum had been paid to Moscowitz the plaintiff indorsed an application for stand at 51 West Twenty-second street.

Alderman Wendell said concerning the charges against him that they were threshed out two years ago, and no only was nothing done, but he was reelected by an increased majority. "I Gastaro Annelli, who was 26 years old and do not need the bolster of a libel suit lived at 177 Johnson avenue, Brooklyn, to impress my constituents with my was the man whose body was found close elected by an increased majority.

Alderman Herbst said he knew of no ground upon which his name was used. unless some enemy of his had related

a political yarn against him. Alderman Curran said he would

WANTS NO HELP FROM ROBIN. Widow, Who Says She Is Banker's

Mother, Mourns In Tenement.

Mrs. Herman Robinovitch, who says she is the mother of Joseph G. Robin of the Northern Bank, now in the Tombs, sat on the floor in a cramped tenement room at 346 Rockaway avenue, East New York, vesterday afternoon mourning the death of her husband, who died CALLS SHAW DESTRUCTIVE early Sunday.

REPLY IN LIBEL SUIT "I don't want any help from Joseph." she said. "I don't want any help from

for Two years ago in a dramatic court Letter; Gives Names
and Dates,

NO ANSWER, SAYS CURRAN

Mayor's Statements "Scandalous" and He Will Press

Two years ago in a dramatic court scene Herman Robinovitch, then 77 years old, and his wife, two years his junior, said they were the father and mother of Joseph G. Robin, charged with grand larceny, and of Dr. Louise Robinovitch, Robin's sister. Robin and his sister laughed at the couple. Later Robin said they were his foster parents. Yesterday Mrs. Robinovitch repeated her declaration that she was Robin's mother, but, while she said she wanted no help from him, she did not say a word against him.

for Trial.

Two women sat with her. They both said the widow was not in immediate need of money, but they did not know how long her means would last. They scoffed at the idea that Robinovitch had died of starvation.

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Mild by Comparison, Gaynor Hints.

Frank L. Davis of the Flatiron Building wrote to Mayor Gaynor on Decemerick W. Richter, John J. McCann and ber 7 complaining that the striking of the clock in the Metropolitan tower was The Mayor says that there are about a "pretentious annoyance." This is the answer he received yes

Mr. Davis was uncertain vesterday afternoon how he should take the Mayor's letter, Although Mr. Davis a marble expert, he is unused to nois and the fact that he lives in Montbells more unbearable,

"I don't know whether the bells annoy because I am not musical or not, but at expect the police to be honest when any rate. I can't see any need for having police saw on every hand that even ing a perpetual cantata dinned into my

"Of course it's very nice to have the bell ring at noon or at 6 o'clock at most valuable as a "destructive power, night, but with the windows open in "Bernard Shaw is an intellectu that steady ringing. It disturbs me at the telephone, especially when I talk that a new edifice may be built up and

i don't know what to say about this.
"I don't know why I should be quired applicants to join a political club in his district: Herbst, who required licensees to pay a friend before giving his consent: Frederick W. Richter, who required that a third person be paid a thought they were having a nice time. Shaw and my immaculate brother, Max Recribely, have used the theatre for the secretary and the secr certain sum before giving his consent I don't want to interfere or take any

tain political association and pay dues I'm sure I don't know," said the unas a condition of his consent. It is al. musical Mr. Davis. "I wonder, now, leged that Noonan refused to give his do you think he wants me to bear with

Mr. Davis opened the windows of his trist, Volkenberg; and was demanded office twice in course of the interview,

> every day. Think of twenty-eight strokes at noon time. By the way," he asked suddenly, "what has become of that anti-noise society?" And then he lost himself for a moment in medita-

> Mr. Davis said he had no complaint to make against the existence of the clock, that it was very beautiful, it didn't ring at night, and all he wanted

Dr. Parkhurst's church is directly across the street from the Metropolitan Building and was originally on the site now occupied by the cause of Mr Davis's complaint. This he thought was the reason the Mayor had joined Dr. Parkhurst and noise in his letter,

STRIKERS ASK FOR MILITIA.

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Little Falls Millmen Tell Dix They
Should Be Protected.

Albant, Dec. 9.—The strikers in
Little Falls have asked Gov. Dix to send
State troops to protect them against the local police and private detectives brought in by the mill owners.

A letter from representatives of the strikers to that effect was put in the Governor's hands to-day. He said he would not send troops except on the request of the Sheriff and County Judge after they had informed him that they are unable to handle the situation.

MURDERED MAN IDENTIFIED.

MURDERED MAN IDENTIFIED. Italian Found Dead in Forest Park Was Gastaro Apnelli.

decency," said Wendell.

Alderman Kenney said he had done nothing in the many years he had been connected with the board to warrant the use of his name, and he can't understand the reference to him.

Alderman McCann said he would give a sum of money to any charity if any one can produce evidence of wrong-doing on his part. He says he has always kept the stand permit business in his district clean, but has been ready to do a favor honestly.

Alderman Herbst said he knew of no was the man whose body was found close to the golf links in Forest Park, Queens Borough, Sunday. The identification was made yesterday by Antonio Pitutone of 75 Johnson avenue, a brother-in-law. When the body was found close borough, Sunday. The identification was made yesterday by Antonio Pitutone of 75 Johnson avenue, a brother-in-law. When the body was found close to the golf links in Forest Park, Queens Borough, Sunday. The identification was made yesterday by Antonio Pitutone of 75 Johnson avenue, a brother-in-law. When the body was found close to the golf links in Forest Park, Queens Borough, Sunday. The identification was made yesterday by Antonio Pitutone of 75 Johnson avenue, a brother-in-law. When the body was found close to the golf links in Forest Park, Queens Borough, Sunday. The identification was made yesterday by Antonio Pitutone of 75 Johnson avenue, a brother-in-law. When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's receipt tab of a money order, When the body was found there was in one of the pockets the sender's recei

Held for Forged Money Order. When Frank McDonough, 19, of 396 Douglas street, was arraigned yesterday

Alderman Curran said he would press the suit to trial as early as possible.

"I don't regard the reply as a reply," said he, "but am not ready to ply," said he, "but am not ready to his case. The prisoner, however, pleaded in the prisoner. ply." said he, "but am not ready to his case. The prisoner, however, plead may whether I will move to have all guilty and was held for the Grand Jury.

# EIGHT AMERICAN NIGHTS Silversmiths

English Actor-Manager Here Looking for Plays Suitable for His London Audiences.

Praises Belasco and Finds Much Comfort in Work of Young Playwrights.

Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree-plain Mr. free, the London actor-manager was when last in America sixteen years ago arrived on the Caronia yesterday. will be here only eight days. It is his first holiday in thirty-five years.

He says there's nothing in the report that he has been offered the job of managing the Century Theatre for next season, but he intimated that he might bring his own plays and company to this country if he felt sure the American public would

He will do no acting on this trip, but will see a great deal of it. He purposes to at-tend a play each night and see what matinees there are as well. Also he is looking for American plays to take back to Eng-IDEA OF A BIG NOISE land. Last night he saw "The Daughter of Heaven" at the Century. On Thursday or Saturday he will go to Boston to The Mayor sets up a fefence of justification and truth of all his state-Carlton, where old friends were calling him up all last evening after he returned from Frederick Townsend Martin's Christmas fund benefit at Sherry's.

At Sherry's, by the way, he almos broke his pledge not to appear on the stage while here. He made a little speech in which he said:

"I ought not even to be doing this, but charity covers a multitude of broken promises, and anyway, this is not a stage the warmth and good but a platform. The most enviable to others, and here is Mt. Martin continually raising the submerged tenth to, make an ideal Christmas book. the seventh heaven.

"I have a very grateful remembrance, of the hospitality and kindness I received at the time of my former visit here. And, I might add, that it is good to think that while helping the poor Mr. Martin does not neglect the rich."

Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree recently shocked England and amused and profited himself by going into vaudeville for eight weeks-four in London and four in the provinces

"It was a pleasant experience," he said last night, "and I can't tell you how much money it netted. This afternoon there came a cabled offer-an astonishing offer I should say-for a return to vaudeville. but I am rejecting it," and Sir Herbert sighed.

Of course, the conversation turned to Bernard Shaw, whom Sir Herbert deems "Bernard Shaw is an intellectual wrecker," he said. "He breaks down the false that is rotten with age in order the miasma of prejudice dispelled. I recently saw 'Fanny's First Play' and thought it very remarkable.

"I have never produced a Shaw play, by the way, and Shaw alleged that I got my title for not doing it. I explained Beerbohm, have used the theatre for the brother has now given up play writing.

In Sir Herbert's opinion the theatre of America holds a more important place in the national life than in any other consent unless applicants for licenses | him about Dr. Parkhurst or does he | country | Theatregoing, he said, is a | joined a certain political club. | want to bear the clock with me, or does | habit here, whereas in England it is the | he want me to stand it all by myself?

actors are superior
"The problem drama—the obstetrical
drama"—he continued, "has had its day
in England. There is clearly a revulsion

Franco-Prussian war. The London teadency is toward simplicity. Certainly I have aimed at that."

The manager of His Majesty's Theatre thinks well of dramatic crities, but nebelieves that there should be two reports of a play, one telling what the audience inks and the other giving the opinion of the critic.

the critic

"A good word from the critic while the actor is alive is an agreeable thing," said Sir Herbert. "After you are dead it is better to have a bad epitaph than an ill reputation, as Shakespeare says. Personally I am glad to be an actor-manager, because it enables me to do what I like. because it enables me to do what I like, though I confess it would be a relief to have financial perplexities off my mind."
He is hopeful as to the younger generation of dramatic writers. The form of the drama is becoming less conventional. There is development in character portrayal, which, after all, he said, is the great thing in the theatre, and it is coming to be regarded as more important than the plot.

David Belasco."
The visitor will return to England next
Tuesday, his fifty-ninth birthday. He
was the luncheon guest yesterday of
Frederick Townsend Martin.

#### TESTS ABROAD SATISFACTORY.

Steamship Official Testifies on Ex

amination of Immigrants. Ten representatives of steamship companies were examined by Attorney Lewis R. Parker and Dr. Spencer L. Dawes, special Commissioner of the hearing at the Vanderbilt Hotel yesterday afternoon in the investigation of the methods used by steamship companies in examining immigrants in foreign ports, as well as the methods of Emil Lederer, passenger traffic manager of the Hamburg-American Line, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911." this country.

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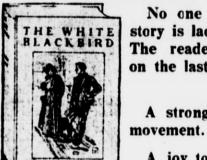
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